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Field Crops Report

For the week ending July 18, virtually all of the **Cotton** acreage has squared, compared to 81 percent last year and the 5-year average of 96 percent. Bolls have set on 65 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest continued active on just over half of the State's acreage. Thirty-seven percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 27 percent excellent.

The **Small Grain** harvest is virtually complete. **Barley** and **Durum Wheat** producers are in the final harvesting stages.

Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 27 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, green onions, honeydews, and watermelons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below average for the week ending July 17. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly to normal at Payson, Prescott, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 45 degrees at Grand Canyon. Payson received 4.39 inches, which is the highest amount of rainfall, while Prescott received 0.07 inches, which was the lowest amount recorded for Arizona.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JULY 11 TO JULY 17, 2004

FOR THE WEEK JOLT 11 TO JULY 17, 2004							
Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	5	102	55	0.14	3.70	4.19
Casa Grande	91	1	111	73	0.34	3.63	3.44
Coolidge	91	1	113	72	0.21	3.92	4.06
Douglas	79	1	97	63	0.44	3.64	4.50
Flagstaff	66	1	87	46	0.75	5.18	10.94
Gila Bend	94	1	113	77	0.00	2.85	2.94
Grand Canyon	67	3	95	45	1.47	7.02	8.26
Kingman	82	2	102	70	0.00	2.47	4.97
Parker	93	3	114	80	0.00	1.51	2.61
Payson	75	0	93	56	4.39	9.44	10.57
Phoenix	95	0	112	77	0.37	4.39	3.61
Prescott Airport	73	4	95	58	0.07	3.77	5.98
Safford Ag Center	83	1	102	66	1.14	5.03	3.62
Tucson	87	1	105	73	0.00	3.56	4.40
Willcox	79	0	97	56	0.40	5.36	4.85
Winslow	77	2	97	57	0.71	2.52	3.11
Yuma	93	3	111	84	0.00	1.16	1.18

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.